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**Re: In re: Complaint of Mr. Michael Van Wies Against CenturyTel of  
Ooltewah-Collegedale, Docket No. 02-00058**

Dear Mr. Wike:

In response to the requirement in the December 6, 2002 Order in the above-referenced docket, this is to advise that my client, CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc., can be available for a hearing in this matter on the following dates in January 2003: January 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, or 31. If it is necessary to have the hearing in February 2003, the following dates are available: February 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, or 14.

CenturyTel respectfully requests that you re-establish a schedule for the parties to file pre-filed testimony. The procedural schedule set forth in the May 23, 2002 Order in this docket provided a date for the parties to file "pre-filed direct testimony of all witnesses whom the party intends to call to testify at the hearing." It also provided that rebuttal testimony would be filed a week later. The deadlines established in the May 23 Order were suspended during a June 19 telephone conference, pending the resolution of CenturyTel's motion to compel. Accordingly, in order to facilitate the orderly hearing of this matter, new deadlines for the filing of pre-filed testimony should now be set.

CenturyTel respectfully requests that the deadline for filing pre-filed direct testimony be set for January 17, 2003, and that the deadline for pre-filed rebuttal testimony be set for January 24, 2003.

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